

Dear Council Members,

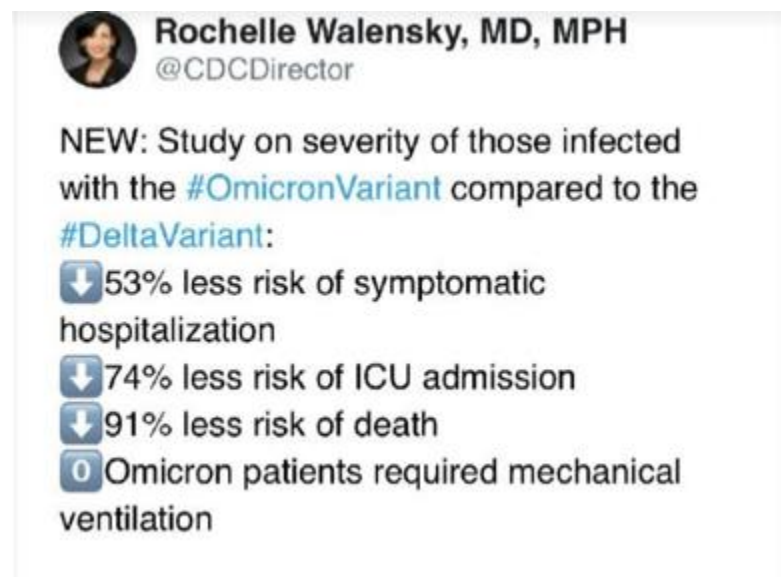
England is scrapping their Covid Passes at the end of this month because it is hard to justify a pass now that Omicron is subsiding. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10400971/Sajid-Javid-scrap-Covid-passes-fortnight.html>

Why then would Montgomery County put a Covid Passport in place at this time knowing this news with England? Omicron will have infected most everyone in the county very soon and therefore there will be no need to worry about the spread.

Bill Gates says once Omicron goes through a country the rest of the year should see far few cases and Covid can be treated more like the season flu.

[Bill Gates says 'COVID can be treated more like seasonal flu' after Omicron surge peaks \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/bill-gates-says-covid-can-be-treated-more-like-seasonal-flu-after-omicron-surge-peaks-1200000000.html)

In addition, the vaccinated and unvaccinated spread Covid at the same rate and the symptoms are less severe. Please see information from the CDC director which shows there is 91% less risk of death with Omicron and 0 patients requires mechanical ventilation.



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**NEW: Study on severity of those infected with the #OmicronVariant compared to the #DeltaVariant:**

- ↓ 53% less risk of symptomatic hospitalization
- ↓ 74% less risk of ICU admission
- ↓ 91% less risk of death
- 0 Omicron patients required mechanical ventilation

Let's not put undue hardship on our residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated) at a time when things are already so difficult. We already have a shortage of workers, inflation, difficulty with the school system; we do not need one more thing to make our life more difficult like carrying around a vaccine pass for no reason since a vaccine pass does not stop the spread of Covid.

Thank you for your support in these difficult times and please let's move on from Covid and work on improving our county in positive ways!

Sincerely a concerned 40-year county resident: Amy Sklut